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I hereby certify that the following documents, with respect to Ser. No. 10/627,415 to Bybee et al., are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 25th day of May, 2004:


Response to Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a);

Copies of 4 letters as evidence in support of response;

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Request for one-month extension of time; and

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PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellant : Thomas L. Bybee et al.
Serial No. : 10/627,415
Title : Two-Axis Robot for Specimen Transfer
Group Art Unit : 3652

RESPONSE TO DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

A Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was mailed March 16, 2004. Applicant was given two months to respond, correcting the noted deficiencies. In particular, the Petitions Examiner indicated that the petitioners had not provided sufficient proof that a copy of the complete application was sent to the non-signing inventor. The Petitions Examiner then stated that the Petitioners should show that copies of the application papers were presented to the non-signing inventors, but the non-signing inventors did not respond to the petitioner's request that they sign the oath/declaration, in order to show that the inventors have refused to join in the application.

The above-described action has been taken. More particularly, the undersigned attorney for Petitioner sent a letter dated March 16, 2004 to each of the non-signing inventors – Thomas Bybee, Dave Murphy, Steve Wright and Sheri Kime – via Certified Mail and Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, with a copy of the complete patent application enclosed. A copy of each of those letters is attached hereto. The letter (with enclosed patent application) to Mr.

Bybee was delivered on March 18, 2004, as indicated in the copy of the Return Receipt, attached to the copy of the letter. The letter (with enclosed patent application) to Mr. Wright was delivered March 25, 2004, as indicated on the copy of the Return Receipt, attached to the copy of his letter. The letter (with enclosed patent application) to Mr. Murphy was delivered March 24, 2004, as indicated on the copy of the Return Receipt, attached to the copy of his letter. The Post Office attempted to deliver the letter (with enclosed patent application) to Ms. Kime, on at least two occasions; but delivery was refused. The unopened envelope was returned to the undersigned by the Post Office, and a copy of that envelope is attached hereto as evidence of the refusal to accept the documents.

The non-signing inventors were therefore given the opportunity to review the complete application and sign the Declaration. The undersigned attorney also provided ample opportunity for affirmatively indicating their refusal to sign by: (1) returning a signed statement in an enclosed self-addressed envelope stating that the inventor refuses to sign, (2) telephone the undersigned attorney to indicate a refusal to sign, or (3) do nothing, and the absence of a response within 10 days of receipt of the documents would be presumed to be a refusal to sign. As of the date of this response (well beyond the 10 days set forth in the letter), Mr. Bybee, Mr. Wright and Mr. Murphy have not agreed to sign the oath/declaration in the application, although they have clearly had the opportunity to do so after reviewing the complete application. Furthermore, it must be presumed that Ms. Kime refuses to join in the application, since she has refused to accept a copy of the application and documents for signature.

It is believed that this evidence corrects the noted deficiency in the original Petition, and that all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.47(a) have been met, and it is therefore requested that this Petition be granted.

A request for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$110 for the associated fee is enclosed herewith.

If any further information is required to expedite this process, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George R. Nimmer".

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March 16, 2004

Mr. Thomas L. Bybee
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Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

Re: (1) U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/626,466 - Specimen Carrier Transfer Apparatus;
(2) U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/627,342 - Transfer and Positioning Apparatus for
Automated Conveyor System; and
(3) U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/627,415 - Two-Axis Robot for Specimen Transfer.

Dear Mr. Bybee:

I represent Lab-InterLink with respect to the filing and prosecution of the above-identified patent applications. It is my understanding that my client has contacted you in the past with a request that you sign an Oath/Declaration and an Assignment for each of the above applications. I also understand that you have refused to respond to that request.

I am writing to make one last attempt to obtain the requested signatures, or to obtain a specific refusal to sign these documents. I am enclosing a copy of each of the above-identified patent applications, a Declaration for each application, and an Assignment for each application. If, after reviewing these documents, you maintain your intent to refuse to sign, please respond by either signing the "Refusal" enclosed herewith, or contact me directly (or leave a message on my answering machine) at the number above. I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for either the signed Declarations and Assignments or the signed "Refusals".

If I receive no response from you within 10 days of receipt of these documents, I must take this silence to be a refusal to sign any of the documents.

Sincerely,

George R. Nimmer

Cc: Lab-InterLink

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March 16, 2004

Mr. Dave Murphy
Box 83
Goodwood, Ontario
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Return Receipt Requested

Re: U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/627,415 – Two-Axis Robot for Specimen Transfer

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I represent Lab-InterLink with respect to the filing and prosecution of the above-identified patent application. It is my understanding that my client has contacted you in the past with a request that you sign an Oath/Declaration and an Assignment for this application. I also understand that you have refused to respond to that request.

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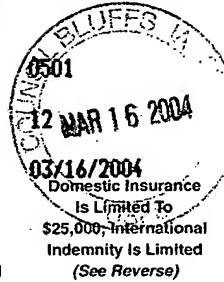


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March 16, 2004

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Re: U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/627,415 - Two-Axis Robot for Specimen Transfer

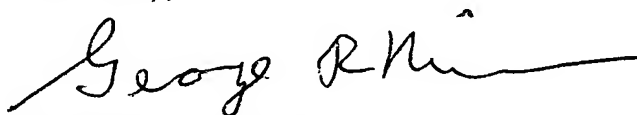
Dear Mr. Wright:

I represent Lab-InterLink with respect to the filing and prosecution of the above-identified patent application. It is my understanding that my client has contacted you in the past with a request that you sign an Oath/Declaration and an Assignment for this application. I also understand that you have refused to respond to that request.

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Sincerely,


George R. Nimmer

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Re: U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/627,415 - Two-Axis Robot for Specimen Transfer

Dear Ms. Kime:

I represent Lab-InterLink with respect to the filing and prosecution of the above-identified patent application. It is my understanding that my client has contacted you in the past with a request that you sign an Oath/Declaration and an Assignment for this application. I also understand that you have refused to respond to that request.

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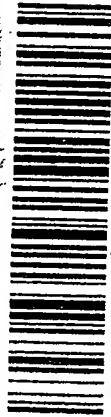
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